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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part IV)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 140 (a) appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/51/753 and Add.1 and 2.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 73rd and 74th meetings, on 10 and 12 September 1997. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/51/SR.73 and 74).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations: Lessons Learned Unit (A/51/965) and the related statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/51/L.89

4. At the 74th meeting, on 12 September, the representative of Australia introduced a draft resolution entitled "Support account for peacekeeping operations" (A/C.5/51/L.89), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

5. Statements were made by the representatives of France, China and Canada (see A/C.5/51/SR.74).

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.89, without a vote (see para. 8).

7. Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the United States of America, the Netherlands and France (see A/C.5/51/SR.74).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 18 of its resolution 51/239 of 17 June 1997,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations: Lessons Learned Unit[1] and the related statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee,[2]

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations: Lessons Learned Unit;[1]

2. Also takes note of the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the rates of vacancy of support account posts, which were 14.2 per cent for posts in the Professional category and above and 5.1 per cent for posts in the General Service category as at 31 August 1997;

3. Notes the usefulness of the lessons learned capacity;

4. Decides to redeploy, on a temporary basis, for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1998, three posts, namely, one P-4, one P-2/1 and one General Service post, funded from the support account for peacekeeping operations, to carry out the functions described in the report of the Secretary-General,[1] and also decides to revert to this issue for its consideration in future budget proposals.

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[1] A/51/965.

[2] See A/C.5/51/SR.73.